



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CARLON WALTERS POST 0018, HENRIETTA
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
8 December 2024**

DATE: 21 January 2025

OPENING:

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1352 hours.

Sergeant-at-Arms Eli Nelson advanced the Colors.

Assistant Chaplain Eddie Kelton offered an opening prayer.

Commander Don Morris led a moment of silence for POW/MIA and then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

ROLL CALL:

John McClure performed a roll call for Post Officers and Board Members.

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, 1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, 2nd Vice Commander Austin Forsythe, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Beth Williams, Asst. Chaplain Eddie Kelton, Historian Bonnie Philips, Service Officer Roger Palmateer, Sargent-at-Arms Elijah Nelson, and Executive Board members Weldon Sullivan and Ron Paul.

Officers Absent: Chaplain Daniel Stearns

Members present: Andrew Koopmans

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: None

New members at this meeting: Andrew Koopmans Marine Corp Veteran

MINUTES: Minutes for the 19 November meeting were available to read before the meeting. Roger Palmateer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Beth Williams. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Beth Williams delivered the finance report, that did not include balances in accounts. A short discussion was had and the finance officer will create and provide a spreadsheet each month that includes all monetary figures. John McClure made a motion that accept the finance officers report as presented, deferring figures to the next Meeting. Roger Palmateer seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: *Eli Nelson, Chair*

Wreaths Across America Ceremony: The Ceremony will be at Hope Cemetery on December 14th at 1100. The Color Guard will have a practice on Tuesday and a full ceremony run-through on Friday at 18:30. Community members participating include Clay County Judge Mike Campbell,

Henrietta Mayor Billy Carlton, 4-H Council President Ryanne Vicars, Community Veterans, and members of the Boy Scouts, 4-H and the Junior Delphians of Clay County. A handout will be given to guests that includes a map of the cemetery marked with the veteran graves and broken into sections.

***FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** Eddie Kelton, Chair*

The Post's baked goods sale did good today. Due to recent post events, the committee hasn't met and talked about fundraising. The next meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year.

***SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Austin Forsythe, Chair:*

Nothing to report at this time. Planning will occur at the next meeting in January once scheduled. Eli mentioned that Bill Hammock is willing to donate his property for our next social.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS

Eddie Kelton reported that Phoenix was bought by American Flagpole. He will get a hold of the new company to find out more details and will report on details and pricing.

PRINTER DONATION

Beth Williams still has a printer, fax, and copier she would like to donate to the post. Don Morris will talk to Lisa and see if she is ok with us having it in our room. John McClure will assist in setting it up if we are given the ok.

PIONEER REUNION PAYMENT

Eddie is still waiting for the form to fill out from the Pioneer Reunion Association.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Officer nominations will occur at the 21 January Meeting. John McClure will send out information about Officer positions, list of current officers, and eligible members. Voting will occur before the 18 February meeting and Officer installation will be in March.

NEW BUSINESS

BOYS STATE

Boys State applications and payments are due 1 May. A short discussion was had about contacting schools and scheduling interview. Following the discussion John McClure made a motion that Eli Nelson will contact Bellevue, Roger Palmateer will contact Henrietta, Don Morris will contact Petrolia, and Ron Paul will contact Midway, to receive a list of names. Interviews will be held at the 18 February meeting and final decision and preparations will be made by at the 18 March meeting. Roger Palmateer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

BASS BAND

Eli made a motion we contact the Henrietta Band Director about a brass band to play the national anthem at events. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VETERAN MEALS

Beth Williams made a motion that all veterans eat for free at the Second Sunday Luncheon. Eli Nelson seconded the motion. A discussion was had and Bonnie Phillips proposed that veterans eat for \$5 and we include it in our ad in the paper. Discussion included options of post members volunteering at the luncheon eat free, and mentions of our mission and what we are doing for veterans. Following the discussion, motion carried with two members opposed.

HOLIDAY MEAL

Eli Nelson proposed we provide a holiday meal to a veteran in need. During a discussion, Austin Forsythe suggested Jimmy Stone and Gary Keller. It was mentioned they should be contacted and directed to meals on wheels.

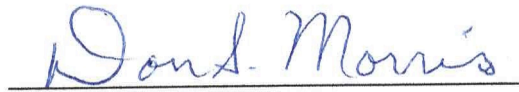
John McClure made a motion to adjourn, Roger Palmateer seconded. Motion carried.

CLOSING

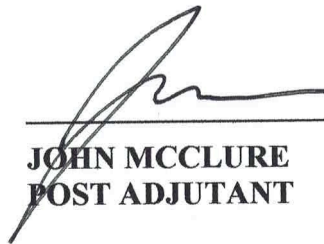
Assistant Chaplain Eddie Kelton offered a closing prayer.

Sergeant-at-Arms Eli Nelson retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 1456 hours.



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

January:

- 12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
- 14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 21st – General meeting, 1900

February:

- 3rd – Four Chaplains Day
- 9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
- 11th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 18th – Post Officer Elections, 1830
- 18th – General meeting, 1900 – Boys State Interviews

March:

- 9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
- 11th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 18th – General meeting, 1900 – Post Officer Initiation, Boys State Final Preparations

April:

- 13th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
- 8th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 15th – General meeting, 1900